

INSPIRE MINISTRIES

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John 10:11–16 – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I know my sheep and my sheep know me... I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they too will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

The Good Shepherd, fresco, Catacomb of Callixtus, Rome, Italy, 3rd Century
ITALY - CIRCA 2002: The Good Shepherd, fresco, Catacomb of Callixtus, Rome. Italy, 3rd century AD.

It has taken me some time to write amid the challenging events unfolding in the United States—the charged debates around immigration, the tragic assassination of Charlie Kirk, and the intensifying racial tensions. Having been nurtured in the Black church for over 25 years and spent the past 30 years in evangelical churches, my heart is deeply saddened by these recent occurrences. The murder of Charlie Kirk, the harsh treatment of immigrants from Mexico and Latin America, and the rising use of Christian Nationalism to undermine the hard-won advances of the civil rights movement, especially those championed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., weigh heavily on me. In my daily work as a hospital chaplain, I minister to people from diverse backgrounds, with about two-thirds of them coming from Asian and Latin American origins. I see the pain reflected in their eyes when war news from their homelands is broadcast within our hospital walls. I witness the shame they bear when hostile patients angrily shout, “Go back to Mexico!” or “Go back to China!”—even as they selflessly serve difficult or sometimes violent patients during 12-hour shifts. Many send money back home or seek help completing citizenship paperwork. I also share in their joy during their American naturalization ceremonies, celebrating as they proclaim, “I am an American now!” Yet, recently, I have seen horror creep into their faces, knowing they are being unjustly targeted, not equally alongside immigrants from Europe or Africa, but simply because of their Spanish or Asian appearance.

My mother, who marched with Dr. King on Washington, and many of my mentors grounded their civil rights advocacy in the truth of Scripture—that all humankind is created in God’s image (Genesis 1:26). This truth directly echoes the Declaration of Independence, which declares, “We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” After ministering to a 13-year-old young man recently physically assaulted by an extremist spewing hatred, I felt compelled to pause in prayer and reflection on God’s commands regarding justice, compassion, and obedience to the law.

The Bible mandates that immigrants obey the governing authorities (Romans 13:1–7), yet it also calls us to treat foreigners and strangers with fairness, kindness, and justice (Leviticus 19:33–34; Deuteronomy 10:18–19; Exodus 22:21). As followers of Jesus Christ, who commissioned us to bring good news to all nations (Matthew 28:19), we are called to reject a siege mentality that breeds fear and despise toward those who appear different from us. Instead, we must embody Christ’s love and compassion, reflecting the heart of the Good Shepherd who cares for all His sheep and gathers the nations into one flock (John 10:11–16).

As a chaplain serving in an empire wrestling with division, my prayer is that we live out the Gospel truly by welcoming the stranger, advocating for justice, and proclaiming Christ’s peace and reconciliation.

Inspire Ministries Newsletter: Recent Highlights & Upcoming Events

This summer I had the privilege of preaching God's Word on July 27th at Ventura Missionary Church during their "One Liners" series. The focus was on commonly quoted but often misunderstood Scriptures, and I aimed to bring clarity and direction by unpacking these verses in their full biblical context.

It was a special joy to return to Community Bible Church in Ventura on September 28th and October 5th to teach in the series Undivided: Reflecting God's Heart in a Divided World. Throughout this topical series, we explored a variety of Scriptures that reveal the heart and mind of Christ in how He addresses ethnic division and calls us to unity.

In September, I was honored to participate in a mental health panel hosted by KJLH Radio Station, where Stevie Wonder was present. The discussion focused on men's suicide and Christian approaches for hope, healing, and resilience through Jesus Christ. This event was part of an important awareness and prevention effort within our community.

Looking ahead, I am excited to speak to the men of Grace Baptist Church in Saugus, CA this November. My goal is both to encourage these men in their faith journey and to be uplifted by their fellowship as we deepen our commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer Requests

Continued management of my health, particularly sleep apnea, and a healthy balance between work and rest.

Praise for my wife Noralyn's new career opportunity with Los Angeles County and her commutes.

Blessings for my children as they pursue their school and work goals this coming year.

For Inspire Ministries: ongoing impact in serving local churches through preaching the Word and supporting pastors and congregations as needed.

For the men served through Inspire Ministries who feel hopeless—that they would be encouraged to discover their God-given calling and pursue it passionately.



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Late Byzantine, 13th century*